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SUBJECT: ALLEGED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR LABOR
COSTS

1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED A CONGRESSIONAL
REQUEST FOR A REPORT ON THE POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF SEGMENTS
OF THE U.S. MOLDED PLASTICS INDUSTRY TO JAPAN DUE TO THE
ATTRACTION OF JAPANESE SUBSIDIZATION OF LABOR COSTS THROUGH
"GOVERNMENTAL PAYROLL ASSISTANCE." TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH
THE SOURCE OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S INFORMATION, AN AMERICAN
SUPPLIER OF PLASTIC CASES TO DICTAPHONE CORPORATION FOR
LATTER'S DESK-TOP DICTATING MACHINES, REVEALED THAT
DICTAPHONE HAS RECENTLY CONTRACTED WITH PIONEER ELECTRONIC
CORP. (AFFILIATED WITH MATSUSHITA) FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF
THESE DICTATING MACHINES IN JAPAN BAS LARGELY ON
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JAPANESE COMPONENTS, INCLUDING THE PLASTIC CASES. AMERICAN
PLASTIC CASES PRODUCER ALLEGES THAT PIONEER WOULD BE UNABLE
TO PRODUCE AND ASSEMBLE THE DESK-TOP DICTATING MACHINE FOR
DICTAPHONE AT COSTS COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN THE UNITED
STATES WITHOUT A JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AND THAT SUCH
A SUBSIDY TAKES THE FORM OF "GOVERNMENTAL PAYROLL ASSIST-
ANCE." DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH

SUBSIDY.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REPORT AS TO WHETHER JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY SUBSIDIZES LABOR COSTS, THE FORM OR METHOD OF ANY SUCH SUBSIDY OR SUBSIDIES, AND THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A SUBSIDY TO PIONEER. EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION AS TO HOW BEST TO RESPOND TO THIS COMPLAINT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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